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Report of Denmark

Summary**

Since the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, the commonwealth of the Danish realm has seen a strengthening of standardization commissions for geographical names throughout its regions (Denmark, the Faroe Islands and Greenland) with the transfer of the registration and administration of geographical names to the individual autonomous regions.

For Denmark, the introduction of a central electronic registration of geographical names, through the portal Danske Stednavne (Danish geographical names), has ensured a more efficient processing and administration of geographical names. This new development resulted from the decision by the Government of Denmark, the Danish regions and Danish local governments to create a common public basic data program in which geographical names are included. In addition, the 2017 Law on Geographic Information has created the legal basis for a decree specifying the requirements for the registration, standardization and management of geographical names in Denmark.

The management of standardization of geographical names is being strengthened through the digitization of the geographical names archives of the Name Research Section at the University of Copenhagen to provide for more effective processing of standardization of names. The same digitization has also resulted in cooperation between the geographical names committees of Denmark and Greenland on creating a unique and hitherto unrecognized collection of historical geographical name records in Greenland.

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